

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 20th APRIL, 2009,
COMMENCING AT 7-30 P.M.**

PRESENT Councillor R.J. Fitchford (Chairman)
Councillor A.G.M. Jones
Councillor Miss C. Kimberley
Councillor Mrs. S. Morlidge
Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell
Councillor Mrs. J. Swift

Clerk 23 Members of Public

There were no items raised during the period set aside for public participation

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones Planning Application 09/00397/FUL
34, Hales Close
Personal Interest Agenda Item 6

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2009, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Village Hall Annual Fire Risk Assessment

Councillor Jones said that the matter was in hand and he would report further at the next Meeting

(b) Surface Water – Ingon Lane

The Chairman reported that the cause had been identified as a burst water main

5. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Stratford on Avon District Council	Precept (part payment)	£11,000-00
(b) HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Refund	£865-36
(c) Warwickshire County Council	Public Realm Grant	£620-00
(d) Warwickshire County Council	Communications Grant	£500-00
(e) J & M Humphries	Cemetery Fee (Cole)	£75-00

(f) Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Watkins)	£65-00
(g) Commonwealth Graves Commission	Maintenance of Graves	£30-00
(h) Marilyn Follis	Allotment Rents	£30-00
(i) Meryl Rice	Allotment Rent	£15-00
(j) Bank of Ireland	Deposit Account Interest (January – March, 2009)	£32-08
(k) Black Rock	Charinco Investment Dividend	£19-01

Payments to be authorized

(a) E.on	Installation of new street lights	£883-20
(b) E.on Energy Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	£218-83
(c) E.on	Street Lighting Supply	£284-05
(d) Stratford on Avon District Council	Youth Club Rates	£198-85
(e) Thomsgarden	Grass Cutting contract (February and March)	£920-00
(f) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£95-00
(g) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£54-00
(h) Nildram	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£19-56

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Jones
‘That the listed items be authorized for payment’
So resolved, nem con

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

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| (a) Mrs. T. Hudson
34, Hales Close
<u>Submission</u> | Porch to rear of property
09/00397/FUL
No representation |
| (b) Mr. and Mrs. Lee
Land adj. Warwick Road
Black Hill | Change of Use of land for use as a gypsy site for one family to comprise of 4 pitches each with one mobile home, one touring caravan and one ancillary building and associated development
08/02854/FUL |

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and allowed public participation in consideration of the Application. A number of issues were raised in objecting to the proposed development and these were noted
County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs arrived at the Meeting at 8-15 p.m.
He said that he had submitted an Objection to the proposal, thus ensuring that it would go to Committee, unless the Planning Officer refused it

Councillors agreed unanimously to object to the Application. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Morlidge and the Clerk to meet and confirm details of the grounds for Objection

It was agreed that Mr. G. Stammers be invited to contribute to the submission

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| (c) Snitterfield Tennis Club
Wolverton Road
<u>Submission deferred</u> | Erection of a summer house adjacent to tennis courts
09/00491/FUL |
| (d) Ms. L. Kelleher
Poachers Cottage
The Green
<u>Submission deferred</u> | New pitched roof to existing extension and rendering
09/00447/FUL |
| (e) Mr. John Huntington
Dove Close
The Green
<u>Submission deferred</u> | Erection of garages, stables, barns and outbuildings
09/00458/FUL |

Decisions

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| (a) Mrs. Lorriane Kelleher
Poachers Cottage
The Green
<u>Consent with Conditions</u> | 10-15 fruit trees – fell
09/00239/TREE |
| (b) Mr. Christopher Baker
Ardenvohr
The Green
<u>Consent with Conditions</u> | To replace the existing flashing joining the existing lean to canopy to the listed building
09/00162/LBC |
| (c) Mr. S. Freeman
Snitterfield Fruit Farm
Kings Lane
<u>Hedgerow Retention Notice served</u> | Removal of 1 no. stretch of hedgerow H1 approximately 6 – 7 m in length, situated adjacent Kings Lane
09/00268/HRN |
| (d) Mr. L and C. Foster
Land off Kings Lane
<u>Appeal Dismissed</u> | Change of Use of land to provide a gypsy caravan site to accommodate 9 residential pitches
APP/J3720/A/08/2085078 |

7. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- (a) Thanked all those who had assisted in the successful Objection to the Appeal on the gypsy site application at Kings Lane
- (b) A petition containing 547 signatures calling for action on the issue of the Fox Hunter Public House had been presented to the District Council
A Notice to the owner of the premises had been ineffective due to change of ownership

- (b) He had visited the dwelling, Blossom Cottage, The Green. Concern had been expressed that new bricks, instead of reclaimed bricks were being used, thus causing an alteration to the appearance of the building
He had spoken to the Planning Officers, but the concerns were not supported
- (c) Reported that the District Council revised Recycling Scheme was now in operation
- (d) Referred to the Affordable Housing Scheme and stressed that all applicants must be registered on the Housing List, otherwise they will not be considered
He added that he had written an article detailing the qualifications for the next issue of 'The Snipe'

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire County Council

- (a) Bus Service Improvements – Consultation 2009
For consideration of response

Stratford on Avon District Council

- (a) Training Course – Inspection of Play Areas by Volunteers
No Member able to attend

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman introduced the subject and said that there had been a constructive Public Meeting at which views on the proposal were expressed

He said that the Housing Needs Survey had definitely identified a need for housing in the village, but there remained some doubts about the number and type of accommodation units

The issue was fully discussed and Members agreed that they would prefer phasing of the Scheme and were unable to support the existing proposal

It was further agreed that, in order to progress the matter, an informal meeting should be sought with representatives of the Housing Association and the Architect of the Scheme to discuss details of the plan

10. BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

Councillor Jones agreed to consult with members of Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change to consider submitting an entry to the Competition

11. FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Consideration was given to making a further Grant to the Flood Relief Scheme in The Green

After discussion, Proposed Councillor Jones, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Morlidge 'That the sum of £1,200 be granted from the 2009/2010 Section 137 allocation'
So resolved, nem con

12. REFURBISHMENT OF BUS SHELTER

The Clerk reported that the application for a Grant of £620 under the Public Realm Grant Scheme had been approved. This amounted to 50% of the quotation submitted by Jonathan Best

Proposed Councillor Fitchford, Seconded Councillor Miss Kimberley

‘That the quotation by Jonathan Best be accepted’

So resolved, nem con

13. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Rendell

Reported the need for repairs to the surface of the Public Footpath adjacent to Lawrence Smith’s lake

Councillor Jones undertook to liaise with Councillor Mrs. Rendell on the exact location and to arrange appropriate repair work

Reported that the grass verge at the bottom of Bell Lane had become overgrown and it needed to be cut back

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Reported that the see-saw in the Large Playing Field was broken

The Clerk undertook to arrange repair

Said that the grass in the Small Playing Field needed mowing

The Clerk undertook to liaise with the contractor when he returned from holiday

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Graham Barker

Said that there remained a number of issues still to be resolved by the Environment Agency with regard to Flood Relief

The Chairman said that the subject should go on the Agenda of the May Meeting for consideration

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-42 p.m.